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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

WELL, the blow has fallen at last. For months there had been rumours that Richard Aldington's biography of T. E. Lawrence was not to appear after all, notwithstanding the publication last year of a French edition. Pressure, it was hinted, had been put upon the publisher from all sorts of quarters, private and official. These reports would seem to have been inaccurate, or else Collins have manfully withstood the attempt to make them withdraw a book which is sure to give offence to a sizeable fraction of the public.

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THE book is out, and already there has been a row about it on television, and the dust is beginning to stir in the columns of the press. From across the Channel come the triumphant cries of those old anti-Laurentians, the French. After many a summer they have finally been provided with the long-sought evidence that the man who laid the groundwork for the Arab League was never anything but a brilliant fraud.

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OR have they? As a piece of detective work, Mr. Aldington's biography is impressive; the four years spent among the War Office records, the unpublished Lawrence correspondence in the British Museum, and the rest, have not been wasted. A great many legends have had the dust blown away from them, and the substance underlying the dust is shown to be remarkably thin. The myth of Lawrence the kingmaker will not survive this book. One fancies, though, that Mr. Aldington has damaged his cause by adopting a consistently sour tone towards Lawrence.

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ONE critic, Mr. Harold Nicolson, whose review appeared in this paper on Friday, has complained that reading this book is like eating an enormous lemon with a spoon. Lawrence was a liar, and he had some unusually active impresarios, including Mr. Lowell Thomas, who made a fortune out of draping their hero in Arab costume and "selling" him to the American and British public. But Lawrence was also an interesting person, and a remarkable writer. Mr. Aldington is peevish about Lawrence the author; he had, he says, "picked up an itch for writing, but was not a writer." This sounds like professional cattishness. And is it really relevant to show that Lawrence could not possibly have read all the books in the Oxford Union library, as claimed by Mr. Robert Graves? Whoever supposed he had?

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WHERE the book has struck a tender nerve is in its dispassionate analysis of the political manipulation that went into the sudden manufacture of the Lawrence myth in 1919. Lawrence went over well in America and he could be used against the French in Syria. In general he fitted the evolving concept of British Mideastern policy as being based on a partnership with Arab nationalism; for this part he was particularly well cast since the Arabs he "represented" were kings and sheikhs in flowing robes, not grubby lawyers, students, or trade unionists. The myth of the mysterious young man who founded a desert kingdom also satisfied the latent romanticism of some Tories. All told, Lawrence, in Mr. Aldington's phrase, was "the appropriate hero for his class and epoch."

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IT is probable that Lawrence has on balance been ill served by the propaganda machine which used him for rather obvious political purposes. The present reaction is the price his reckless worshippers have to pay for their exploitation of a cult which the insiders never took quite seriously. When it has spent itself, Lawrence will take his place as a minor but significant figure in the pantheon of late romantic individualism in the age of world wars.

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MEANTIME it is curious to think that there will probably never be a Wingate legend, although Wingate is at least as interesting a figure. But then after 1918 there was a need for something with which to prop up the imperial myth; after 1945 the Empire began to dissolve, and the myth with it. The present generation in Britain is much more level-headed than its predecessor, and not disposed to hero-worship. Besides, there has been a surfeit of romanticism. It is a prosaic age.

London, February.

Mendes-France Gov't Falls On North African Policy

Fear Repercussions From Colonies

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — President Rene Coty is looking for France's 21st post-war Premier this week-end in a situation in which speed is essential because of the critical situation in North Africa. Fears have been expressed that the fall of M. Mendes-France's Government today will lead to new waves of violence in North Africa.

The President of the French Senate, M. Gaston Monnerville, in an unusually outspoken comment on the situation, said this morning, after he had visited M. Coty, that he feared the crisis would have "deep repercussions" in North Africa and French Union territories.

M. Coty, who conferred throughout this afternoon with leaders of the parliamentary groups, is expected tomorrow or on Monday to offer the task of trying to form a government to one of the leading candidates.

Nominees most freely mentioned today are: M. Edgar Faure, Foreign Minister in the Mendes-France Government; Conservative Antoine Pinay, a former Premier; and M. Pierre Pflimlin, a moderate member of the Popular Republican Party which conducted some of the bitterest opposition to M. Mendes-France.

The first invitation to form a cabinet is often tendered to the man considered chiefly responsible for the overthrow of the Government and this might be considered to be M. Rene Mayer, who led 20 Radicals in voting against the Premier. But political circles tended to rule him out because of the split in the Radical Party and Gaullist opposition to him.

World Reaction

This was the reaction from foreign capitals:

WASHINGTON: The defeat of the Mendes-France Government came as no surprise to officials here. Although no official statement is being made, it is generally assumed that his fall will not raise any new obstacles to the final ratification of the Paris treaties.

The opinion here is that there will be a delay in getting the treaties for rearming West Germany through the remaining parliamentary stages, because of the time required to form a new government. But it is thought that there is no reason to fear opposition to the treaties by any succeeding government.

LONDON: The defeat of the French Government shocked official quarters even though its fall had been widely predicted. Immediate concern centres on the fate of the Paris treaties to rearm West Germany.

It is not believed that any likely successor government would want to change M. Mendes-France's schedule for ratification of the agreements by April. The National Assembly has already approved the treaties, but it is believed here that if they insist on amendments, or the threatened delay in its vote occurs, the whole projects might crash through want of M. Mendes-France's driving force.

BONN: The fall of the French Premier shocked and dismayed the West German Government, and officials privately expressed fears that it might be a death blow for the German rearmament pacts. The fall of M. Mendes-France was a personal blow to Chancellor Adenauer who had set great hopes on his ability to drive the Army treaties through the balky French parliament.

TUNIS: Taieb Mehiri, Assistant Director of the Political Bureau of the Tunisian Neo-Destour (nationalist) party said that the movement deplores the fall of the Mendes-France Government. Mehiri added, "But the Tunisian people will continue to remain calm. We consider that the Franco-Tunisian negotiations will continue with the future government." *(Reuter, UP)*

Confidence Vote Lost: 319-273

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Pierre Mendes-France was defeated on a confidence vote early today after seven months and 10 days in office. At the end of a debate on North Africa, the National Assembly rejected a confidence motion by 319 to 273 votes.

The dynamic, 48-year-old Premier who ended the Indo-China war and won over Parliament to accepting a rearmed Germany, was defeated by more than the absolute majority, making his Cabinet's resignation compulsory.

The 319 votes were cast by: 96 Communists and near Communists, 73 Popular Republicans, 20 Radicals (the Premier's own party), 17 Gaullists, 77 Moderate Conservatives, 27 dissident Gaullists, four leftist Radicals and three others.

After the result had been announced by the Speaker, M. Mendes-France, contrary to all precedent, went to the rostrum again and started a speech despite cries of protest and constant interruptions. With the permission of the speaker, the Premier rose to make a short final statement after the vote had been announced. He said that the statement was designed to make the way of the next government easier. His attempt to speak was violently opposed by the opposition. Shouts of "fascists" and "the session is over" interrupted the Premier, but the Speaker said there was nothing in the regulations to prevent M. Mendes-France from speaking at this juncture.

Finally, the Premier said he wished to speak on a point of order and he announced that he would ask the Assembly to meet on Monday to vote a month's credit for the budget.

He then started to read into the microphone a short statement of which not a single word could be heard. Throughout this reading, Communists, Popular Republicans and Conservatives banged their desks so that the Premier's voice was drowned. When he had finished reading, the Socialists, most Radicals and other Government supporters rose and clapped loudly, while voices from the opposition booed. Amid all the hubbub, the Premier strode out of the Assembly followed by his Ministers.

The French News Agency later issued the following partial report of Mr. Mendes-France's statement: "It is not customary for a Premier to whom confidence has just been refused to ask to speak. If I have come up on the rostrum it is not to utter the slightest complaint against a sovereign decision. About North Africa, I shall not say a word which could embarrass those who will succeed me. My most ardent wish is that a solution should be found to the Tunisian problem. This must be heard both here and outside.

"The work that has been done will not be wiped out, neither in this field nor where work has had to be done to revive the nation and peace. What has been done during the past seven or eight months has been done and will not cease.

"The nation has acquired a taste for the truth. It knows what are the sorrows of the present."

The Cabinet met for half-an-hour following the Assembly vote and later the Premier and his Ministers went to see President Rene Coty. On leaving the presidential palace, M. Mendes-France told journalists: "I do not conceal my emotion, nor my sorrow — not for myself but for the country. In many spheres, that which has been started must be continued." *(UP, Reuter)*

Major Votes During Mendes' Tenure

The voting record of the French Assembly on vital issues since M. Mendes-France became Premier:

Subject	Date	For	Against
Indo-China Economic	July 20	403	15
Plan	Aug. 30	331	98
Budget	Nov. 4	311	259
Textiles	Dec. 10	334	243
Indo-China Budget	" 21	319	172
Rearming Germany	" 30	287	287
Restoration of German Sovereignty	" 30	292	287
Saar Accord	" 30	280	185
Entry of Germany into NATO	" 30	287	281
Rearming Germany	" 30	287	280
North Africa	Feb. 4	273	319

5 Europeans Killed By Moroccan Terrorists

CASABLANCA, Saturday (Reuter). — Five Europeans were killed within the past two days in a new wave of terrorism coinciding with the French Assembly debate on North Africa.

Three were killed in the 24 hours ending on Friday, while a French couple were murdered at a settlement 36 kms. south of here early today. Terrorists also held up a country bus near Berna, ordered the passengers out, and set fire to it.

A bomb was hurled at a Jewish grocer's shop in the old Medina quarter on Thursday night, but failed to explode. A few days previously, the grocer, Youssef Kahoun, had received a letter written in bad French, warning him against selling French goods

Rebels Attack Village In Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Saturday (Reuter). — Rebel forces today attacked the Costa Rican village of Las Chilas, near the border with Nicaragua, and also seized an airliner which had landed at the airport there.

Radio messages arriving here said that the airport carried 15 persons. The Government has sent planes to the area.

Israel Concessions Urged By FOA Official

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — Concessions by Israel to the Arabs were urged yesterday as a step towards Middle East peace by Mrs. Hiram Houghton, Assistant Director of the Foreign Operations Administration.

Mrs. Houghton, who returned last month from an inspection of Arab refugee camps, indicated at a luncheon of the "American Friends of the Middle East," that the brunt of the responsibility for resolving regional tension and the Arab refugee problem, rests with Israel.

She said that the Arab attitude would change only when Israel makes "gestures of goodwill and peace," among which she listed reconsideration of Israel's territorial boundaries, return of those Arab refugees who wish to go back, compensation to refugees for property, and internationalisation of Jerusalem.

£1m. in Frozen Arab Accounts Released

Over £1m. in frozen Arab accounts have been released during the past two months, according to arrangements carried out following an announcement by the Israel Government on September 27. It was stated officially yesterday.

Most of the applications for the funds in the blocked accounts were received from Arab refugees in Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon, as well as some from the U.S. and England.

Johnston Plan No Solution—Damascus

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA).—Damascus Radio, in an English-language broadcast monitored here, said today that "under the guise of a purely technical report the Johnston plan (for the Jordan Valley) succeeds in reality a political programme for the partial if not complete solution of the Palestine problem."

It was stressed that the Arabs feel the political solution must precede the economic solution. It said, "The key to the ideal solution does not exist on the banks of the Jordan. Whatever Mr. Johnston may offer, the problem will continue to be as insoluble as ever."

YARMUK RESERVOIRS

Mr. Eric Johnston has accepted the Arab proposal that the Yarmuk River waters be stored in reservoirs in that area and not in Lake Kinneret, REUTER reported from Cairo.

During the weekend, the subcommittees of the Johnston mission and the Arab side of Egypt, Jordan, the Lebanon and Syria, met four times. There was one meeting of the full two delegations. The talks are expected to be concluded today, with Mr. Johnston leaving tomorrow for Amman.

Fire Razes 2 Plants in Haifa Bay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two industrial enterprises, the Tyresoles tyre retreading plant and the Ona carpentry workshop, were reduced to scrap and ashes, while the Parganol textile printing plant was severely damaged, in a vicious fire that broke out in the Bayside Corporation compound in the Industrial Zone at 11.20 yesterday morning. Two persons were slightly hurt, but were sent home after first aid treatment at the Government Hospital. The damage has not yet been estimated but is believed to run into six figures.

The strenuous efforts of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, continuing until midnight yesterday and supported by police and young volunteers from the bayside suburbs, prevented worse damage. The police have opened an investigation.

According to a Police District H.Q. communique, the fire was caused by a spark from the acetyline torch of a welder who was repairing an iron shutter at the Parganol plant. Its nearby stores of nitro-cellulose, used in the preparation of dyes, caught fire and exploded, hurling the walls and roofs of the store into the air and spurting flames into the direction of the Ata-Shemen Oil Refinery. Within minutes, the adjoining Tyresoles plant, too, was involved in fire, feeding greedily on the rubber of the tyres stored there.

Most of the workers had, fortunately, left the premises for the midday meal when the fire broke out.

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RAIN IN 3 CITIES

Rain fell on Jerusalem for about 20 minutes last night supplementing the brief shower on Friday night. Tel Aviv residents, taking their after-supper stroll, were driven indoors at about the same time by a short but heavy shower which left the streets bright and shining. A heavy thunderstorm struck Haifa, too, and continued for several hours.

BOY KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED BY EXPLOSION

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — An Arab boy, Magid Abdul Rahum Hirid, 10, of Kafr Kasim, was killed, and Mosah Farid, 10, from the same village, was severely injured when a grenade or mine exploded the kilometre marker north of Migdal Ekron, near here, this afternoon. The injured boy was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital, together with the body of his companion, Police reports.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Fresh Arab raids, announced explanation of the raid made it to be to the Galeb.

Shots Fired Into Egypt's Consulate In New York

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — An Egyptian Consulate spokesman said today that an unidentified man had fired six bullets through a window of the Consulate, New York City police immediately sent radio cars to the Consulate on fashionable Park Avenue in mid-Manhattan.

The Police said that the man was seen fleeing the scene in an automobile immediately after the shooting. They added that he fired the shots from a nearby rooftop.

The Consulate received several anonymous telephoned threats earlier this week. The caller said that the Consulate would be bombed. Police investigation at the time revealed no bombs.

Bomb Threats

A Consulate spokesman noted that the bomb threats came immediately after the Egyptian Government had hanged two Jews convicted of spying.

The Police announced that today's shots were fired into the fourth floor window of the Consulate by a man standing atop the building at 70 East 79th St. No injuries were reported.

A Consulate spokesman stated that he knew of no reason for the incident today and had "no idea" whether it was connected with the earlier bomb threats. He added there was no damage except for broken glass.

Neither Consul-General Aziz Sherif nor Omar Loufti, Chief Egyptian Delegate to the U.N., were in the building at the time. *(See "MARZOUK" — Page 5)*

Nuri Rejects Nasser Conditions

The Iraqi Premier, Nuri es-Said, yesterday rejected the two conditions of Egyptian Premier Abdul Nasser for a meeting in Beirut to save the Arab League from a collapse, threatened by the dispute regarding the projected Turco-Iraqi defence alliance. Arab political quarters in the Lebanese capital revealed last night. They said that the rejection was contained in a cable received by President Camille Chamoun yesterday.

Cairo political commentators stated last night that the entire fate of the Arab League — which links Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon, the Yemen and Libya — and of the collective security pact, will hinge on the resumed meeting tonight of the Arab Premiers.

The Beirut quarters said that Nuri stood by his previous acceptance of the suggestion of a conference with Abdul Nasser, but would not accept a "conditional" meeting. Abdul Nasser declared on Friday that he would meet Nuri only if two points were first cleared up:

Does Nuri still insist on the conclusion of the pact, or is he ready to discuss other possibilities? Is he prepared to submit to a majority decision of the Arab League countries on the issue?

These points came, it was explained in Cairo, as a desire to ease tension between the Lebanon and Egypt after violent anti-Lebanese articles published in the Egyptian semi-official press yesterday. The original proposal for the Beirut meeting came from the Lebanese President.

Cairo circles reported that Abdul Nasser's earlier threat to withdraw from the collective security pact and form a new alliance would be announced tonight if the reconvened conference failed to settle the issue.

Arms Promised

A Jordan report said that a group of visiting Lebanese newspapermen in Cairo were told by Abdul Nasser on Friday that Egypt was ready to supply the Arab countries with all needed weapons and military equipment should they join the defence pact proposed by the Egyptians in place of the mutual defence treaty.

In Baghdad yesterday, King Faisal and Crown Prince Emir Abdullah Ilah were present at a special meeting attended by Nuri and other leaders, in which the recent developments in the Arab states regarding the proposed pact were discussed. Nuri will call a special parliamentary meeting today why his Government wants to conclude the alliance.

Official Baghdad quarters announced that Turco-Iraqi talks will be held "very soon" regarding signature of the pact.

A special correspondent of the Jordan daily paper "Al-Difa" wrote following his return from Baghdad that strict government measures have kept criticism of the Turco-Iraqi pact from appearing in any of Iraq's newspapers still allowed to publish. He said that newspapers are being filled with government-paid advertisements and official bulletins, in a deliberate move to leave little space available for "actual news." Public opinion is being stifled by an "official terrorism which brands adverse comments as "Communistic." *(Reuter, AFP)*

ANGLO-JORDANIAN TALKS MAY REOPEN

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter).—The British Charge d'Affaires in Amman, Mr. John Richmond, today delivered to Prime Minister Abul Huda Britain's reply to Jordan's recent request to amend the 1948 Anglo-Jordan mutual assistance treaty.

Abul Huda came to Britain on December 21 last year to discuss the proposed amendments. It is believed that there will soon be further talks between the two countries.

US Fleet Ordered to Aid In Evacuation of Tachens

US Jets Shoot Down 2 MIG Fighters

TOKYO, Saturday. — American Sabrejets shot down two Communist Mig-15 (Russian-built) fighters over international waters between Korea and the China mainland today, the U.S. Far East Air Force announced here. It did not identify the nationality of the planes, but they were believed to belong to the Chinese Communists.

The Air Force communique said that the Sabrejets were attacked while escorting a reconnaissance mission over the Yellow Sea when an American four-engine jet bomber was attacked by four Migs. At the same time it added, four other Migs attacked the escort.

(In Washington, the State Department spokesman said that the Government is conducting an investigation to ascertain where the Migs came from).

General Chiang Kai-shek declared in a statement in Taipeh yesterday, that Formosa has entered a "state of war," and added that the day for "launching a counter-attack on the China mainland is drawing near."

The Nationalists claimed today that their bombers in early morning raids north of the Tachen Islands had sunk four Communist ships and damaged two off the Chekiang coast. *(UP, Reuter)*

Tito, Nasser Meet For Six Hours

LAKE TIMSAH, Suez Canal, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Abdul Nasser spent six hours with President Tito, of Yugoslavia, on board the Galeb here today. Later, it was announced that President Tito had accepted Colonel Nasser's invitation to visit Egypt in autumn of this year.

The Galeb is taking President Tito home from an official visit to India and Burma.

A joint communique on the talks said that they "exchanged views on international problems of direct interest to the two nations, with particular regard to Egyptian-Yugoslav relations."

The communique added, "Increasing efforts will be made to take advantage of existing close relations between Yugoslavia and Egypt and of possibilities of a further and even more favourable development of these relations."

Diplomatic sources stated that the talks had touched on the Far Eastern situation as well as the Balkans and Middle East defence. The talks held in the wardroom were continued over lunch as the Galeb sailed up the Canal.

Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, reporting from Cairo, stated that "it is thought that Yugoslavia will be ready to help, in a certain sense, towards finding a solution for the Egyptian-Israeli conflict, if both sides request her help.

"As a matter of fact, Yugoslavia has always pointed out that this dispute should be settled by direct negotiations, in order to avoid the possibility of the conflict between the two neighbouring countries becoming an object of intervention and interference of the opposing blocs," Tanjug added.

PAKISTAN INVITES BAYAR

ISTANBUL, Saturday (Reuter). — President Celal Bayar will visit Pakistan from February 18 to 26, it was officially announced today.

Attack on Isles 'Interference'

The U.S. forces have been ordered to assist the Chinese Nationalists to evacuate the Tachen Islands, 200 miles north of Formosa, the State Department announced in Washington last night. The order to the 7th Fleet and other U.S. forces to provide air and sea cover for evacuation of the Tachens was approved by President Eisenhower after the Nationalists had asked for protective help for removal of military forces as well as civilians from the island chain off the Chinese coast.

The announcement broke a week-long deadlock between the U.S. and the Nationalists on the evacuation of the islands which the President had said were not "an essential part of the defences of Formosa and the Pescadores." It did not say when the evacuation would take place.

The Nationalist authorities were advised that the U.S. would also help defend "such related positions and territories as the U.S. deems to be essential to the defence of Formosa." It was hoped that the new steps would lead to cessation of Chinese attacks and the restoration of peace in the West Pacific, according to the communique.

Washington sources said that thus, in effect, the U.S. asked the Chinese to allow the Nationalists to leave the Tachens peacefully.

It was understood in Washington that the U.S. wanted to let the Chinese know in advance of an evacuation in the hope it could be accomplished bloodlessly.

Cease-Fire Considered

The announcements were preceded early this morning by a conference between President Eisenhower and Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. The latter said later that the U.S. was considering new steps to obtain a ceasefire in the Formosan area. Details would be revealed later during the week, he announced. Secretary of State Dulles is expected to be back then from his vacation.

A high Defence Department official said following the announcement of the impending Nationalist evacuation that any attack on the islands would be considered as interference with the mission of the U.S. forces aiding the withdrawal of the Formosan forces.

He said that the instructions sent to the 7th Fleet and other units were not to provoke a Chinese attack, but also not to accept any tactical disadvantage. He believed that the actual evacuation would not likely begin before 24 hours from the time of the announcement.

Plans for the evacuation have been coordinated between the U.S. and the Nationalists. The evacuation would be carried out by ships under Nationalist command but the Americans might add some amphibious craft. There were 14,000 Nationalist troops and 18,000 civilians on the island, he said, and the evacuation would last between 10 and 14 days. *(UP, Reuter)*

Secret Talks On Formosa in London

A 90-minute conference was held in London yesterday by the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Nehru, the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, the Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden, for a "highly secret discussion" on the Formosa crisis. The meeting followed the summoning to the Soviet Foreign Ministry by Foreign Minister Vlacheslav Molotov in Moscow on Friday of the British Ambassador and the Indian Charge d'Affaires. It was understood the three Commonwealth statesmen in London studied reports from the British Indian envoys in Moscow.

The meeting was the starting point of the weekend efforts of the Commonwealth leaders to reduce tension over the Far East situation. Mr. Nehru central figure of Commonwealth activity on Formosa and most likely intermediary between the East and West, later had exhaustive discussions with the Foreign Secretary.

The Foreign Office said some of the Commonwealth delegations are in constant contact with their envoys in Washington and at U.N. Headquarters in New York on what the next steps would be now that Peking has rejected the Security Council invitation to the cease-fire talks.

While support in U.N. Headquarters was growing for a conference of the major powers to discuss a cease-fire in the Formosa area similar to the Geneva talks last summer, the State Department spokesman expressed doubts about the idea. American observers said that Washington and London were searching for a forum in which efforts to discuss peace in the Formosan region could be continued. But there was no indication as yet of a concrete and practical proposal acceptable to all concerned. *(UP, Reuter)*

Pakistanis to Have US-Style Government

KARACHI, Saturday (Reuter). —Pakistan will become a republic with American-style government by August 8, anniversary of her independence, a senior official said here today.

The change from the traditional British parliamentary system of the present government to the American pattern was "in the interests of stability" and "more in keeping with Islamic traditions," he stated.

The spokesman said that the Government had almost completed plans for a federation of two autonomous states — East and West Pakistan — with a President as the head of the state.

The Prime Minister of the British Commonwealth decided unanimously in London that Pakistan can remain a full member of the Commonwealth after she becomes a republic soon.

The decision was officially announced last night by the Commonwealth leaders' new meeting in London. It was recalled that a similar decision was taken in 1949 with regard to India, now also a republic within the Commonwealth.

CAIRO RADIO UNGUARDED

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Military guards were withdrawn from Broadcasting House yesterday for the first time since the revolution in 1952 when guards were installed at all key buildings.

Japan Accepts Soviet Bid to Open Talks

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — The Cabinet today formally decided to accept Russia's recent offer of talks on normalising relations between the two countries still technically at war.

Meeting in Paris To Allocate Reparations

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Jewish leaders met here tonight to allocate $18m. in West German Reparations to victims of Nazi persecution throughout the world.

Mr. Bert Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive is expected here tomorrow, en route to Israel to confer with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who is in the French capital for the meeting with the Jewish leaders.

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Social & Personal

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon, attended Friday evening service at the Ohel Synagogue in Tel Aviv.

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The Director of the U.S.O.M. in Israel and Mrs. Lincoln D. Hale visited Youth Aliya institutions in the Sharon on Thursday. They were escorted by the head of the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliya Department, Mr. Moshe Kol.

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Mr. H. C. Katz, the Austrian commercial delegate, returned by Cyprus Airways on Thursday evening.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. David Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, from the U.S., after a three-month tour on behalf of the Histadrut Appeal; Mr. Ernest Nathan, Vice-President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, from London, on a short business visit; Mr. Giorgio Zevi, President of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy, on a short visit (by El Al); Mr. Lewis Harris, Director of the Jewish National Fund in Great Britain and Ireland, on a short visit; Mr. Gershon Ya'ari, of the Hapoel Hamizrahi Executive, from Morocco, after a one-month stay on behalf of the Agricultural Workers Union and the National Moshavim Organization.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. E. Ilin, Director-General of the Israel Kaiser-Frazer Works for the Far East, via Turkey and several European countries (by El Al); Mr. G. Romano, for Italy; Mr. Y. Barsnes and Dr. K. Kanowitz for Switzerland — all on behalf of the Keren Hayesod; Mr. Aharon Kahana, the painter, for Paris, for an exhibition of his paintings at the Galerie de France.

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Mr. Julius Model left for Turkey, Greece and Cyprus on business for the Zevah Paint Works and Dr. Levin Laboratories.

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An exhibition of paintings by Raphael Mohar was opened in the Tiberias Art Gallery on Saturday.

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Dr. J. Talmon, Lecturer in Modern History at the Hebrew University, will lecture on "Totalitarian Democracy — the Romantic Phase" under the auspices of the Israel Society of General History tonight, at 8:30 in Room 32, Terra Sancta College.

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BIRTHS

ELSTON — To Monica (née Dehn) wife of Mr. Roy Elston, at the Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem on Friday, February 4, 1955 — a daughter, Georgina Mary.

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SCHREIBER — To Ruth, (née Finkelstein), wife of Dr. H. Schreiber, at the Molodah Hospital, Haifa — a daughter.

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TUCHLER — To Elona (née Brook) wife of Michael Tuchler, at 1405 Langway Rd., Hyattsville, Maryland, U.S.A. — a daughter, Edna, granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Tuchler, 21 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv, and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Brook, 26 Rehov Weisel, Tel Aviv.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert", permanent exhibition of the forces forest (section of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-4, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the prehistory of Megiddo. CXVIIIth-XIIth centuries B.C. 9-1, 3-5

Bezalel Exhibition of Architectural Works and Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Also Artzeem Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann; Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5 Bezalel Museum.

Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Dan Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 8 Malkan Avenue, 10-1, 3-6

★ Tours—
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 9 a.m.

★ Film Shows—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Lectures—
Mr. Ralph Goldman, Director of the Technical Aid Department of the Prime Minister's Office, on "Problems of the Technical Aid Programme" Rotary Club, 9 Rehov Alkarisi, 8.45 p.m.

Jewish Liturgical Music, by Dr. W.Z. Low, Italian Synagogue, Rehov Hillel, 8 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealistic Paintings. 2) Moshe Castel, "Path of 1000 M." Open daily 10-4, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 6-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

Photographic Reminiscences of Oriental Jewries, exhibition, E.O.A. House, 19 Allenby, 9-12 p.m.

★ Theatre:—
"The Miser" Chamber Theatre, Gershon Hall 8 p.m.

Habimah, "The Cabin Mutiny." Habimah, 8 p.m.

★ Concerts:—
First of the series "Beethoven's Nine Symphonies" (Recital on Long-play). Programme: Symphony No. 1, Beethoven by Mr. Menashe Ravina, E.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m.

GEDERA

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "The Well Dusk," 9 p.m.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post, February 6, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal

Before: Justices Agranat, Landau and Witkon.

Shlomo Agassi, Appellant, v. Shimon and Malka Kribushi, Respondents, (C.A. 118/54).

Agreement to Sign Contract Is Enforceable

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on May 20, 1954 (C.C. 167/51).

The appellant negotiated with the respondents for the purchase of a house in Ramat Gan. As a result of these negotiations, a short agreement was signed by the two parties to the effect that the respondents agreed to sell and the appellant to buy the house for IL.22,000; and further that part of the residue of the purchase price (IL.1,000 having been paid as a deposit) would be handed over by the appellant after the signature of a contract drawn up by Mr. Caspi, an advocate. The final settlement of the balance was to be made when the appellant received vacant possession of the house and it was transferred to him in the Tabu, within four months of the signing of the contract.

Another clause of the short agreement stated that, in the event of the sellers' backing out of the arrangement they would have to return the IL.1,000 deposit, together with an additional IL.1,000 liquidated damages.

The respondents did not appear at Mr. Caspi's office at the appointed date in order to sign the contract. The reason was that they had found another buyer who was willing to give them a higher price and participate in the compensating of Mr. Agassi to the extent of IL.500.

The appellant sued the respondents in the District Court for specific performance or, alternatively, for the IL.1,000 liquidated damages (which the respondents had been willing to pay). The Relieving President, Judge Baker, held that the agreement between the two parties did not constitute a final contract and that he could not, therefore, grant the remedy of specific performance. He dismissed the alternative claim on the grounds that the appellant had not sent the respondents a notarial notice.

In his appeal to the Supreme Court, the appellant asked only for specific performance.

Mr. Caspi and Mr. Cohen appeared for the appellant, Mr. Polonsky and Mr. Weisfuss for the respondents.

Judgment

On delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justice Witkon held that the initial agreement had stated quite unambiguously that the appellant had agreed to buy the house and the respondents to sell it. The price was fixed, and so was the operative date for receiving vacant possession. The main question to be answered, therefore, was whether the terms laid down in the initial agreement were such as to constitute a proper contract per se. This question, Justice Witkon held, should be answered in the affirmative.

Considering the question of agreements made "subject to formal contracts," which was raised by Counsel for the respondents, Justice Witkon pointed out that the mere addition of the above words did not deprive the original agreement of its enforceability, particularly if it contained the terms and conditions necessary for binding the parties. In the present case, there was no mention of the agreement's being subject to a formal contract, and it should be regarded as an agreement to make a contract. There was no doubt that the parties had gone beyond the stage of negotiations — they had come to a definite and unequivocal agreement, and their desire to put this agreement on a more formal basis by means of a contract drawn up by a lawyer did not affect the validity of the initial agreement.

The insertion of a clause about liquidated damages confirmed, in the opinion of the Justice, the fact that the parties had intended the initial agreement to be binding and enforceable, and did not imply that the sellers were given an option — either to sign the contract at Mr. Caspi's office or to pay IL.1,000 damages, as argued by Counsel for the respondents.

In dismissing the respondents' further argument that, since the appellant was an estate agent and had bought the house in the course of his business and not for his own personal use, therefore he should not be granted specific performance, Justice Witkon held that even if this were so that was no reason for depriving him of that remedy, particularly since no good reason for withholding it had been produced by the respondents. The respondents may have made a bad business deal, but they had done so with their eyes open and had not been subject to any unfair pressure from the appellant.

The respondents were ordered to transfer the house to the appellant and give him vacant possession within three months for the original price of IL.22,000, and were ordered to pay IL.250 costs.

Judgment given on January 27, 1955.

Religious Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Museum Qr.): H.C. 8 p.m. E.S., 7 p.m. Preacher: The Anglican Bishop.

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. & E. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel). Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion, 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Propheta St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A. Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregat'n (Opp. Gan Rehavia): Weekday 7: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 26/4 Moria St., Baka'a. Tuesday: 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (on 19 Eliat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.E. 10 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B.3773, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.E. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m.: M.E. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 179).

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FIRST PROGRAMME

491, 249, 48.8 & 31.5 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 and 11.30 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 2 a.m., 1.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.07 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.55 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 13.00 Requests (R). 1.30 Messages to Immigrants. 1.45 Songs of the People (R). 3.00 Close Down.

6.00 Music for Sunday (R). 6.40 Piano Recital: Yehezkiah Zak. 7.00 Talmud Lesson. 7.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Arieh Sachs; Prelude (French); "Poeme" for Violin & Orchestra (Chausson); 7.55 Talk. 7.45 What's New in Science. 8.00 Weig of Work. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Sergiu Celibidache; Soloist: Alda Ciocnini: Symphonic Variations for Piano & Orchestra (Franck); Bolero (Ravel). 9.30 Round Table Discussion. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Noemi Nevi; Ty Bushyai Songs. 10.30 Hon Hak (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

428, 233, 214, 697, 42.9 & 32.5 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 1.55 p.m.

EVENING HOUR: 6.55 p.m. Programme for Tuesday. 6.30 French. The Ladies. 7.00 Tiberian. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Symphonic. 9.00 Symphonic. 9.55 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.): 12.15 p.m. News. 12.30 Festival Concerto. 11.00 Concert. 11.45 Piano Recital. 11.00 Melodies & the Gazelle. 12.30 Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 216, 250 & 329 M.): 6.30 Operetta. 6.55 Sports. 7.05 Sports. 7.35 Classical Requests: Works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven & Chopin. 8.30 News. 9.00 Close Down. 6.35 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

H.H.O. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.55, 24.92, 25.23 & 25.00 M.): 4.30-6.30 p.m. News, News Talk, Cultural Programme, International Commentary.

T.A. Betar Win In League Opener

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — First League Football games started today, two months late, after peace was restored to the Football Association last week. Fourteen teams are competing this year compared with 12 last year. Tel Aviv Betar was a surprise winner over Ramat Gan Hapoel by 3:2, with Almaliah, Hull and Gleit scoring for the victors.

Other Results: Petah Tikva Hap. 1, Petah Tikva Macc. 0; Tel Aviv Macc. 6, Natanya Macc. 1; Tel Aviv Hap. 2, Hadera Hap. 0; Rehovot Macc. 6, Balfouria Hap. 1; Kfar Saba Hap. 3, Haifa Macc. 0.

Results in other games were: SOCCER: LEAGUE B: Bat Lidd Hap. 1, Haifa Christian Brotherhood 1; Tel Aviv Hakoah 1, Sha'arayim Macc. 0; Jaffa Macc. 3, Rehovot Hap. 0 (a/e); T.A. Bnei Yehuda 7, Ramat Gan Macc. 1. HANDBALL: LEAGUE: Tel Aviv Hap. 9, Technion 5.

Jerusalem Sides Forget Their Shooting Boots

Jerusalem Hapoel and Maccabi forgot to bring their shooting boots to their local "derby" at the YMCA ground yesterday, which ended in a goal-less draw.

Both goalkeepers were in good form, but were not extended by either forward line. A volley by Hapoel inside left Fruchtmann, which hit the crossbar, was the nearest thing to a goal during the match.

Maccabi was lucky that the strong wind which favoured it during the first half died down shortly after the change-over.

In an earlier match, Rishon le Zion Hapoel was fortunate to beat the YMCA, 3-2. The "Y" defence fell to bits after full back Nahmias was injured and had to leave the field. *I.M.*

New Athletic Records Set at Haifa Meet

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two new records were set by Hapoel Youth in light athletics in the Municipal Stadium here today. Forty-five athletes took part. Yaron Sapir, 18, of Mishmar Ha'emek Hapoel, created a new Hapoel high jump record of 1.79 metres, beating the former record of 1.71, set in 1952. Ruth Rahman, 14½, of Mosad Masaryk Hapoel, achieved a new Israel girls record in shot put with 11.13. The former record of 10.52 was set a few weeks ago by Alisa Pentorin, of Jerusalem Hapoel.

Results among the winners were: 100M. BOYS: J. Bergman, 11.8 seconds, Haifa Macc., first. 400M.: M. Rosenzweig, Kadoori Hap., 55 secs.; 800M.: Oded Weiner Kfr. Hasidim Hap., 2.07; 3,000M.: S. Rodeh, Gan Shmuel Hap., 9.35; LONG JUMP: D. Kohalin, Kadoori Hap., 6.09 m.; SHOT PUT: Shreiber, Mosad Masaryk Hap., 13.80 m. GIRLS RESULTS: HIGH JUMP: Ruth Rahman, Mosad Masaryk Hap., 1.34m.; 100 M.: Galia Hadad, Pegasim Hap., 13.6 secs.; 200M.: Hadva Rosbeck, Mosad Masaryk Hap., 30.2 sec.; LONG JUMP: Gila Hadad, Pegasim Hap., 4.35m.; DISCUS THROW: Olga Wittenberg, Haifa Macc., 28.62m. SHOT PUT: Olga Wittenberg, 11.30m.

In soccer games here, results were: LEAGUE A: Haifa Hap. 3, Betar Jerusalem 1. LEAGUE C: Haifa Betar 4, Orthodox Haifa 3; Beth Firas Macc. 3, Degel Yehuda Haifa 2. YOUTH LEAGUE: Haifa Hakoach 3, Kiryat Haim Hap. 2; Maharesh Haifa Hap. 3, Yehezkiah Hap. 0; Haifa Macc. 3, Hadera Macc. 0. PHOENICIA CUP: Kaiser Fraser 3; Phoenicia 0. FRIENDLY (GUD MIKTSOI): — Hapoel 2, Ata 1; Port Authority Workers 7, Sonny Yacum 1. OTHER RESULTS: TABLE TENNIS: P.E.C. "A" 5, Haifa Betar "A" 0. HANDBALL: Haifa Macc. 5, University Jerusalem 7.

Moscow Charges Italy With Spurning Cultural Ties

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Moscow radio said today that no reply had been received to an invitation, sent by the Soviet Academy of Sciences to the Italian Foreign Ministry five months ago, to send a delegation of scientists and art critics to visit Russia.

In a broadcast for Russian listeners the radio said this confirmed the view widely held in Italy that the Italian authorities were not only uninterested in the maintenance and extension of Soviet-Italian cultural relations but were doing everything possible to hamper their practical manifestation.

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JERUSALEM
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Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew Language Campaign has reached one third of its goal, with 50,000 persons being taught by volunteers, and the basic Hebrew primer "1,000 Words" already a best-seller with 53,000 copies sold.

Dr. Ya'acov Eisner, chairman of the Jerusalem Regional Committee for the Campaign, disclosed this during a tour of evening classes attended by a total 1,500 Jerusalem residents, and organized within the first two months of the Campaign. "If we had more teachers, we could start more groups," he said, noting that 300 prospective pupils eagerly awaited instructors. Although 200 professional teachers volunteered for the Campaign, only 18 were actually taking part. Some will take their turn later, but many others have backed out.

Mr. H. Rubensky, the local chairman (also deputy head of Jerusalem Municipal education) praised the sterling help given by volunteers from Shurat Hamitnadvim and the corps of teachers recruited by Mr. Ya'acov Maimon. These campaigners go to many immigrant villages in the Corridor and have also formed groups in ma'abarot and immigrant suburbs. A team of Ministry of Education officials and clerks has "adopted" Beit Shemesh (Hartuv) and Castel settlements, where it has enlisted all the immigrants in classes and given a big boost to morale.

Within Jerusalem itself, the Municipal Education Department has undertaken much of the administrative work — besides providing class-rooms, paying for teachers' fares and caretakers. Correspondents visited schools all over the city where parents come in the evening to study primers sitting squashed into the miniature desks used during the day by their children. More mothers than fathers were puzzling over the alphabet, but in the Persian quarter of Shama, at the foot of Mount Zion, only the men turned up. "What would we do with the youngsters?" the fathers asked when the teacher wanted to start a women's class. Shama studies in the synagogue — the sole building with electricity.

Maimon at Talpiot

In the Talpiot ma'abara, Mr. Maimon was directing a group of teacher-pupil pairs, coming their lessons in a hut. Girl guides much smaller than their pupils were conducting a class for backward school-boys. Among the teachers of parents' groups were a postal employee (who travelled to Mata village also), a housewife, a factory manager, and a Hadassah medical orderly. They give one lesson of two hours a week, sometimes more. Shurat Hamitnadvim has created many family classes in Katamon, following up the Hebrew with cultural activities.

The Progressive Party has organized a class for English-speakers at the Jewish Agency Hostel. The Jerusalem Labour Council has long promoted Hebrew teaching, which was extended at the Campaign's start. Ahdut Ha'avoda formed groups in Talpiot, and Agudat Yisrael schools have begun parents' groups in the evening.

Next to the problem of finding teachers, the search for accommodation causes most headaches. One class solved the difficulty by meeting in an automatic laundry. It is warmer, cleaner and better lit than the majority of Jerusalem schools.

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MOGRABI: The Robe, 2nd week. 2.30, 7.15, 9.45.
OPHIR: "Le Grand Jeu."
TAMAR: Cuban Rock, Little Shelter, 5th week. Continuous from 2.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.: Foreign Affair.
YARON: The Enforcer, 2nd week.
ZANIR: Conquest of Everest, 2nd week. 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Also continuous from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Three Coins in the Fountain, 2nd week.
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Succession File No. 20/55
IN THE MATTER of the Succession of the late Mr. ARTHUR, known also as Gedale Bichero, who died at San Salvador, El Salvador, on December 27, 1948.
The PETITIONER: Alisa Gedale Bichero, of San Salvador, El Salvador, represented by Messrs. A. Hausberger & E. Granska, Advokaten, of 40 Yehuda Halevi Street, Tel Aviv.
CITATION
Let all persons take notice that the petitioner applied to the District Court of Jerusalem for an Order declaring the Succession to the estate of the above mentioned Deceased, and that the Court will hear the application on the 13th of March, 1955 at 8.30 a.m.
All persons claiming any interest must appear in Court on the above mentioned date, otherwise the Court will make such order as to it seems right.
(Sgd.) MOSHE COHEN
REGISTRAR

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Intermittent showers with occasional thunderstorms. Partial clearing expected during the day.

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Mt. Cana'an	—	6	11	9
Tiberias	49	11	21	16
Haifa Port	52	—	20	17
Natanya	55	13	20	17
Tel Aviv Port	57	13	20	17
Lydda Airport	47	10	21	19
Jerusalem	39	9	15	13
Beersheba	37	7	20	15
Eilat	52	10	22	20

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAINFALL DURING THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 30.

Daphne	5.6
Kfar Blum	7.2
Safed	12.4
Mt. Cana'an	4.3
Kfar Hanasi	4.1
Acre	1.0
Tiberias	3.7
Deganya	6.2
Ramat David	3.7
Afula	3.0
Mishmar Ha'emek	1.3
Haifa Port	2.5
Haifa, Mt. Carmel	1.4
Natanya	12.3
Ramatayim	4.2
Tel Aviv Shore	2.5
Tel Aviv Kirya	2.8
Lydda	2.2
Rehovot	Nil
Hanot	2.4
Jerusalem	6.9
Shuval	2.1
Mishmar Hanegev	2.0
Beersheba	0.9
Eilat	Drops

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50 CIVIL DEFENCE reservists completed the third traffic police road safety course in Haifa on Thursday.

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SOME 200 members of Ezra, the Poale Aguda youth movement, held a torchlight parade, accompanied by bugles and drums, through the streets of Jerusalem last night.

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IL.2,250, LEFT in an Egged bus on Thursday, were handed to the police the same evening by the finder, Mr. Ephraim Shoshani of Tel Aviv. When the owner, Mr Shemtov Yarkhi, of moshav Mazmiach, was handed the money, he burst into tears.

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15 CASES of food poisoning from bad fish were reported in Ramle on Friday. The Municipal veterinary surgeon, Dr. Portugali, visited several shops in the town and ruled that the fish on sale was unfit for human consumption and had to be destroyed.

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A MUSKETRY INSTRUCTOR, Yitzhak Derai, 28, was remanded on Friday for five days, charged with having caused the death of Yehia Hassan during target practice last Wednesday. Derai was reported on Friday to have fired at a live bullet, to show his marksmanship. The bullet exploded, fatally injuring Hassan.

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THE CONSTRUCTION of two swimming pools, one for children and one for adults, was begun on Friday in the sport and recreation centre of Savion, the garden suburb of Tel Aviv.

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CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE to sugar beet and other vegetable crops in the South is being caused by large flocks of starlings and other birds.

Weather Men Honour Doyen

SAFAD, Saturday. — Meteorological personnel from all parts of the country met on Mt. Cana'an on Thursday to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Hugo Gruetz, doyen of the service.

Silver-haired and astonishingly robust — he is on duty every day — Mr. Gruetz has been the meteorological observer on Mt. Cana'an for the past 17 years, sending Galilee weather reports four times a day without fail, however bad the weather.

Mr. M. Gil'ad, Director of the Meteorological Service, lauded the veteran for never leaving his post, even during the worst fighting, and on behalf of his colleagues in the profession, handed him a cheque for IL.300 and a complete set of Shalom Asch's works.

Mr. Gruetz recalled with emotion the days when the Palmach parachuted bread, letters and newspapers from Piper Cub planes for him and his wife, Ruda.

The Minister of Communications, Mr. J. Saphir, sent a telegram of greetings.

LOWDERMILK DUE TOMORROW

TEL AVIV, Saturday (USIS).— Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, the eminent American soil conservation authority, is to arrive on Monday to take up his appointment as Visiting Professor of Agricultural Engineering at the Technion, under a U.S. Government grant.

EXPORT RISE

In the report on exports which appeared in Friday's paper, the column listing total exports as 334.7m. should have been headed 1950, according to the report, and not 1954.

Justice Ministry Preparing Bill On Personal, Family Status

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The draft of a Personal and Family Status Bill, which is being prepared by the Ministry of Justice, will be ready within a few weeks, the Minister, Mr. P. Rosen, told the Press at the Kirya here yesterday.

It will regulate the financial relations between husband and wife, and parents and children, as well as the guardianship and adoption of children. The authors of the draft have accepted the demand of many women's organizations for the setting up of joint ownership of property acquired after marriage, Mr. Rosen said. A new Criminal Code is also in preparation, but will take longer to complete, the Minister added.

The most important rulings of the High Court of Justice will be published in an English translation, Mr. Rosen announced.

Of the 178 persons employed in the Ministry of Justice, 406 are in the judicial service. They include 94 judges and magistrates.

A branch of the Haifa District Court will be opened in Nazareth shortly, and Judge Shalom Kasnaa, at present Relieving President of the Haifa District Court, will take up residence in Nazareth. Rent tribunals will be opened shortly in Rehovot, Petah Tikva, Tiberias and Nazareth, in addition to those in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Natanya. So far, the Tel Aviv tribunals had received 1,922 cases, Haifa 561 and Jerusalem 571. Decisions were given in 577, 258 and 214 cases, respectively.

Mr Rosen said that there was no legal possibility at present of abolishing the dependence of Israel law on English precedents. If precedents in Jewish law were accepted, 70 per cent of the legal practitioners would be out of a job, for they "simply do not know the Jewish precedents."

His Ministry does not intend to establish special tribunals to deal with work compensation and national insurance claims, Mr. Rosen said in reply to a question.

Extradition Treaties

In the extradition agreements which have been initialled with Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Italy, both Hebrew and the language of the respective country are binding, Mr. Joseph Kokia, Director-General of the Ministry of Justice, said.

The delegation which Mr. Kokia headed also concluded an extradition agreement with Switzerland, but its signature was postponed to enable the Berne Government to consult the cantons first.

According to the agreements, Israel will not extradite persons liable for capital punishment. Israel nationals will be extradited if wanted for crimes committed in foreign territory. Israel, however, will not extradite a person if there is fear that racial or religious discrimination underlies the extradition demand. Political offenders, too, will not be extradited.

To Plant Abraham's Garden on Tu B'Shvat

A pilgrimage to "Abraham's Terebinth" at Beersheba will take place during tomorrow's Tu b'Shvat Festivities. The order of service for the New Year of Trees will be recited, including a prayer to avert a drought.

The ceremonies will also include the opening of a new synagogue in the Capital of the Negev and the planting of "Abraham's Terebinth Garden" by children from the various countries of the Diaspora. The Government Tourist Centre is making special preparations to convey tourists who wish to participate in the festival.

During the pilgrimage, a delegation will call on Mrs. Y. Shoshani, sister of Shmuel Azzar, one of the Jews hanged in Cairo. Trees in the name of the deceased will also be planted.

The first of three million trees for the Herzl Forest near Ben Shemen will be planted at 10.30 tomorrow morning.

All school children will absent themselves from class if the weather is fine, and will go out to plant trees.

Chovevei Yerushalayim have distributed tokens to Jerusalem schools enabling them to acquire flowering shrubs to plant round their buildings on the festival.

Most political parties have prepared programmes for the day, and it seems as if the occasion will be used to disseminate election propaganda.

OIL DRILLING AT BE'ERI STOPPED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The search for oil, at Be'eri near the Gaza Strip, has been called off, following the negative test which was received yesterday by the Lapidot Company. The drilling, which started in mid-July, was suspended five weeks ago, at 11,965 feet, to await the result of the tests.

Lapidot are now to start drilling in another place in the area where prospects are thought better. The Jerusalem Post learns, Meanwhile, the new equipment at Masada has been put into operation and drilling was stepped up last week.

The here in Be'eri will not be closed, however, but kept in good order so that work may be resumed should specialists offer better prospects after more thorough investigation.

President Hotel Resumes Business as Usual

The President Hotel in Jerusalem resumed normal operations on Friday, after the settlement of a strike which lasted a month. The workers' demands for payment of wage arrears and the transfer of deductions for income tax, Histadrut dues and provident funds are to be fully met, and they are to receive strike pay at the rate of 75 per cent of wages for the period of the dispute.

The settlement was achieved after the Treasury had agreed to lend the Hotel IL.15,000, which is to be deposited in the Kupat Milve Vehisachon, the Histadrut loan institution, which will make the payments.

RECORD WHEAT AND PETROL RESERVES

There is now a five months' supply of wheat in the country, the largest on record, and the supply of petrol is also at a peak, the Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. P. Sapir, told a meeting of Mapai lecturers last week.

Trade Delegation Leaves For Talks in Turkey

Jerusalem Post Staff

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday.— A four-man trade delegation headed by Mr. M. Bartur, of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, left by El Al yesterday for trade talks with Turkey which will start on Monday. The Turkish Deputy Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Osensoy, will lead his country's delegation. The negotiations are expected to last for two or three weeks. Mr. Maurice Fischer, the Israel Minister to Turkey, also left for Ankara aboard the plane. He had returned to Israel for talks at the Foreign Ministry.

Noting the steady increase of commerce between Israel and Turkey in the past four years, Mr. Bartur expressed his opinion that the economies of the two countries are in a large measure complementary. Despite the difficulties caused temporarily by the Turkish drought, the economic ties will be strengthened in future.

The other members of the mission are: Mr. H. Kaplan, Chief of the Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Commerce; Mr. David Golan, of the Ministry of Finance; and Mrs. Hava Eitan-berg, of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Mr. M. Bar, of the Ministry of Finance, will join the delegation. *(Ittim)*

HOPES FOR MORE TRADE WITH ITALY

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Increased trade with Italy should follow the arrival here of the Italian Commercial Attache, Mr. Eduardo Christi, and the establishment, by private initiative, of the Israel-Italian Chamber of Commerce, the Italian Minister, Benedetto Capomazza, Marchese di Campolattaro, said at the Industrial and Commercial Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

The results of the first year of the Israel-Italian commercial treaty, he admitted, were rather unsatisfactory, for a variety of reasons: the similarity of the economies of both countries, the fact that most donations came from the U.S. and other exporter countries; Reparations, and "perhaps because the temperaments of both peoples are not amenable to the restrictions of treaties."

Italians, the Minister said, have shown "as simple citizens, their support for Israel's cause. He was proud," he added, "of the support Italy could give through the work of those Italian Jews who had established themselves here."

Ashkelon Plant Making Cooling, Heating Units

ASHKELON, Saturday. — The first plant for the manufacture of air conditioning units and solar heating equipment, Mirmit, has been established here. Most of the required equipment has already been installed, and the plant, which has been in limited operation since last August, is gradually reaching full production, according to Mr. Stutsen, the Managing Director, a former South African lawyer.

Mirmit is housed in a new modern centre, covering 800 square metres of floor space. Pioneering in the air-conditioning field, it has been able to limit imports to 30 per cent of the complete units.

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Loan Approved For Bus Companies

The Ministry of Finance has approved a IL.400,000 loan to the bus cooperatives, the Ministry spokesman has announced.

The loan is for 18 months, to be obtained from private banks under normal banking conditions. The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. D. Horowitz, will meet the representatives of the bus firms this evening before the loan is ratified.

The public transport inquiry commission, which met in the Kirya in Tel Aviv on Friday, elected a subcommittee headed by Judge B. Sohar, which will meet with the bus cooperative representatives on Wednesday.

Tel Aviv Nurses to Hold Warning Strike

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A warning strike by nurses working in Government and Municipal hospitals in Tel Aviv is to be held on Monday between 10 a.m. and noon. A duty list has been worked out so that urgent cases will not suffer.

The nurses are asking for the same conditions as those prevailing in Kupat Holim hospitals, where the summer shift for nurses is seven hours, the night shift six hours, and extra pay is given for Saturday work and overtime. The nurses' claims were first put forward some four years ago, but so far nothing has been done to meet them.

The hospitals which will be affected by a strike are the Dorcio and Zahalon Government hospitals in Jaffa, and the hospital for the mentally sick in Bat Yam, as well as the Hadassah Municipal Hospital and the maternity ward in the Tel Aviv Kirya.

IL.20m. FOR THE SOUTH

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Some IL.20m. is to be spent on the development of Ei settlements, farms and agricultural schools in the area between Beit Dagan and Mir-Am, in the Southern District, according to a three-year plan outlined on Thursday by the District Development Officer, Mr. Meir Ben-Ya'akov, to representatives of Southern settlements.

Hadera Paper Mill At 'Competitive Level'

Jerusalem Post Staff

The investment of $3.7m. and IL.800,000 by the American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd. has given Israel a modern paper mill in Hadera, which by the end of its first year of operation, has "attained a level of productivity and efficiency which would make it competitive in any economy." This was "stated unequivocally" by the manager of the mill, Mr. K. Zion, on Friday at a first anniversary luncheon at the plant attended by newspaper editors, book publishers and the Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Sussayeff.

The conclusion was arrived at on the basis of a survey which was recently made in other countries which, like Israel, produce paper from imported pulp. Mr. Zion explained that "the efficiency of the installation in Israel more than offset the lack of tradition and the extra costs which must be borne as a result of its being an infant industry in an infant nation." He expressed the hope that some day it will be possible to attach a pulp mill to Hadera. Experiments are under way and "although such developments do not occur overnight, the future is very promising," he added.

Mr. Sussayeff congratulated the promoters on their enterprise, and asked them to plan to add a second paper-making machine to the mill to double production which now satisfies only half the paper needs of the local market.

'Dangerous' Youth Freed For Lack of Institution

A 15-year-old mentally ill boy, classed as dangerous, was released on Thursday by the Jerusalem Juvenile Court Magistrate, because there is no suitable institution which can deal with him.

The boy, who was examined in the Government Mental Hospital at Nes Ziona, was found to be a schizophrenic with poor chances of recovery in the near future. Because of the boy's violent behaviour, his immediate family cannot keep him at home. The Magistrate rejected the suggestion of the Government physician that the boy be sent to the Psychopathic Department of Ramle Prison, on the grounds that his detention there would only worsen his condition.

On freeing the boy he suggested that a suitable institution find a place for him. *(Ittim)*

Fifth German Trawler Bound for Israel

FRANKFURT, Saturday (INA). — Of the eight trawlers for which orders have been placed by Israel under the Reparations agreement, five have now been completed. The fifth, Lamerhav, built at Wesum in the Ruhr, left for Israel yesterday from Rotterdam.

The trawlers are equipped with the latest electronic devices that help fishermen locate schools of fish.

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Tu B'Shvat Programme For Tourists
Tour to Beersheba on February 7, 1955 including the planting of the "Tourist Garden" (in conjunction with J.N.F. and Beersheba Municipality).
Each tourist will plant a tree and receive a commemorative certificate.
All tourists wishing to participate should apply to the Government Tourist Information Offices in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.
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FIRE

(Continued from Page One)

fied by the simultaneous explosion of the nitro-cellulose. One man who kept his head was Abraham Levitzky, who planned the fire brigade's just before the fire severed the line. He then began to attack the blaze, at least he could single-handed until a number of his fellow workers joined in and the brigade arrived from Hadar Hacarmel 25 minutes later. By then, the fire was too far gone to be put out. The firemen, hampered by a shortage of water, had to confine their efforts to saving a nearby grain store, which the flames had already reached, and a spirits plant in which a large amount of alcohol is stocked.

The Tyrecles company operated a well-equipped tyre vulcanising workshop using Canadian and other machinery of the latest design. Previous plans had been to move the Orna carpentry workshop to the Compound.

The structures housing the burned plants have suffered badly.

The Haifa Volunteer Fire Brigade Director said that the alarm was received at the station at 11.22 a.m.

Since the dismantling of the Kishon bridge (by order of the Kishon Development Authority), the journey from town to the Industrial Zone, which includes the Dayrade Corporation Compound, is several kilometres longer, over the Nazareth and Acre highway.

The Kishon Development Authority had bluntly refused to undertake the reconstruction of the bridge on its approach road and has offered only to pay a small part of the cost of a new bridge and road. Its Director considers that financing the project was the concern of the Municipality, a view which is not shared at the Town Hall.

The Haifa Municipal Fire Brigade has repeatedly urged that a fire station be opened in the Bayside area, where the city's most valuable industrial property is concentrated.

Mayor Abba Khoushy said this evening that the extra time taken by the longer route was not such as to have made an appreciable difference, and that in yesterday's fire highly inflammable materials were ablaze, so that nothing could have been saved. A new Kishon bridge was needed, however, and it was for the Kishon Authority to rebuild it, he said, together with the approach road. The Haifa Bay area required a fully equipped fire station, he conceded, but he claimed that the Municipality could not afford it.

ARSON ATTEMPT IN JERUSALEM SCHOOL

An attempt to set fire to the handicraft workshop of the Spitzer Girls School in the Beit Yisrael quarter of Jerusalem was discovered on Friday morning. The police have opened an investigation.

Pupils of the school found near the smouldering door of the main entrance to the workshop a partially burnt rag which had been soaked in kerosene.

24 U.S. HADASSAH LEADERS ARRIVE

A group of Hadassah leaders comprising 24 key workers from all parts of the U.S. arrived at Lydda by El Al on Friday for a fortnight's study tour of Hadassah projects and various aspects of this country's development.

Led by Mrs. M. Schenk of Brooklyn, N.Y., the group includes Mrs. C. Lerman, Texas City; Mrs. D. Stein, Philadelphia; Mrs. B. Dorfman, Forest Hills, N.Y.; Mrs. B. Butman, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mrs. B. Guzman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. L. Amado, Maplewood, New Jersey; Mrs. O. Steinberg, Wildwood, N.J.; Mrs. H. Brill, Bowfort, Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosenstein, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. M. Lerine, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. S. Pickstone, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. H. Koppelman, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. P. Meskin, Norfolk, Vancouver; Mrs. P. Abelman, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mrs. T.R. Plainberg, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. C. Silber, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Mrs. S. Pollack, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. S. Hartley, New York; Mrs. P. Hammer, San Jose, California; Mrs. L.H. Tick, Kenmore, N.Y.; Mrs. C. Rose, New York; Mrs. H. Jannary, Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. J. Hannerman, New York.

Chief Rabbi Herzog received the group at Kiddush yesterday morning. A reception was given last night in their honour by Mrs. Sylvia Mann, wife of Dr. E. Mann, director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, who is at present abroad.

HAIFA BUSINESSMEN HONOUR HINDES

HAIFA, Saturday. — A farewell dinner for Mr. Mattityahu Hindes, Minister-designate to Uruguay, was held yesterday by the Haifa Maritime Club, which he founded and whose President he was while he lived in Haifa. Mr. M. Pomrok, Chairman of the Club; Mr. N. Meshulam, President of the Chamber of Shipping; Mr. A. Shay, Chairman of the Association of Latin American Immigrants; Mr. S. Zaechl, Chairman of the Haifa Journalists' Association; Mr. M. Lunes, of the Bank Leumi, bade farewell to Mr. Hindes.

Mr. Hindes in reply said that there were potentialities for strengthening our political and commercial ties with Uruguay.

MARZOUK WAS TORTURED; 'Times' Deplores Hangings

Dr. Moshe Marzouk leaving the Military Court in Cairo under guard after being sentenced to death. Express Photo

The body of Moshe Marzouk, hanged in Cairo on charges of spying for Israel, bore the scars and marks of the brutal treatment and torture he had received during his interrogation preceding the show trial, according to the Jewish Chronicle Foreign News Service.

These details were released by the French Consul-General in Cairo who attended all the sessions of the trial, and was present when the death sentence was pronounced on Dr. Marzouk, a Tunisian-born French citizen.

Information about the savage treatment of the Jewish prisoners by the Egyptian police investigators was being withheld in the hope that the death sentences on the two Jews would be commuted, it was reported.

Moshe Marzouk had applied to the Ministry of Health for work here, but was arrested before he could carry out his intention, it was learned in Jerusalem.

Dr. Marzouk applied through Patwa, the professional workers' immigration agency, in August, 1954. The Ministry of Health replied that he would have very good chances of getting a post.

The 28-year-old doctor appended his curriculum vitae to his application which stated that, after graduating from medical college at 23, he continued studying in Paris, and then served as house-doctor in the Jewish hospital of Cairo. He knew four languages, French, Hebrew, Arabic and English.

LONDON, Saturday. — The sabotage of which the Jews in Cairo were accused was "too amateurish to be taken seriously," according to "The Times" yesterday. The paper said that Egypt made a mistake in ignoring the many representations made by some of her best friends who asked for the commutation of the death sentences passed on two of the Jews.

The editorial pointed out that the executions have "inflamed bitterness in Israel and have set back the prospects of a Middle East settlement."

The left-wing "New Statesman and Nation" declared that if Abdul Nasser "should have exercised clemency, Mr. Sharett for his part, would be well advised to keep a firm control of the Israel Defence Ministry and its multifarious secret activities." It said that the Egyptian Premier disappointed those who relied "on his moderating influence" to lessen Israel-Arab tension.

In Washington, the "Post" declared that the hangings showed the lengths to which the Nasser Government would go in its "desperate effort" to retain seniority of the Arab bloc. It condemned the executions as "judicial lynching."

The American Jewish Congress called on the Soviet Government to re-examine and revise its policy of providing free economic assistance for Egypt in view of the "cold-blooded murder of two Jews accused of espionage on trumped-up charges."

(Reuter, INA)

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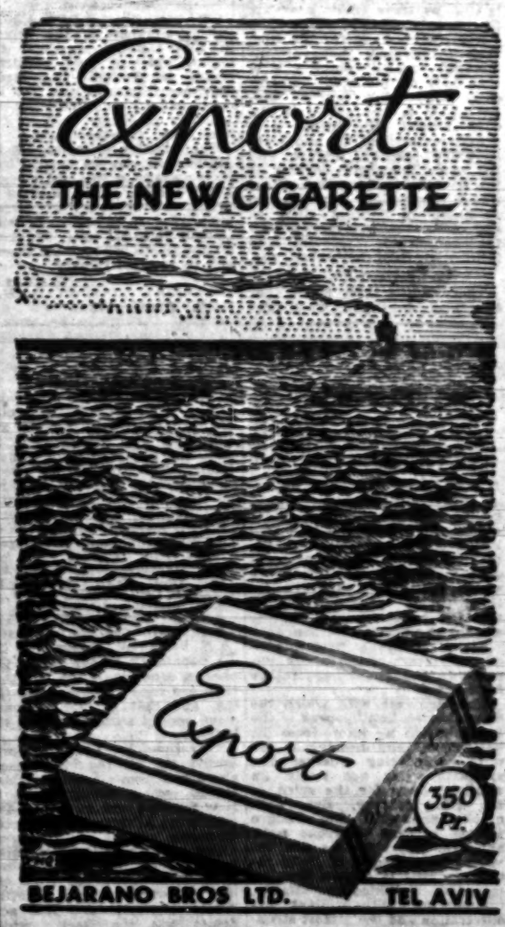

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Cables in Brief

ADMONISHED. — Sir Richard Snedden, British delegate to the International Labour Organization conference in Geneva, was reprimanded yesterday by the conference's Swiss chairman after he accused Communist countries of trying to hasten "the industrial disintegration" of the West.

PROGRESSIVE. — Mr. Skyros Haksoinis a former Greek Minister of Coordination and Economic Planning, who resigned from the Government last April, has announced that he had formed a new Progressive Party.

DJILAS. — The former Yugoslav Communist leader, Milovan Djilas, who received a suspended sentence last week for hostile propaganda, has been deprived of his pension as a former government member, according to a usually reliable source in Belgrade on Friday.

LECTURE. — The Italian Agriculture Minister, Giuseppe Medici, arrived in Cairo on Friday to lecture on Italy's land reform at the invitation of Amin Fakry, Governor of the Egyptian National Bank. He will also discuss irrigation problems during his three-day visit.

NAZI MEDICAL ORDERLY SENTENCED TO DEATH

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — A former S.S. medical orderly, Karl Theiner, who poisoned 100 concentration camp prisoners and kept a tattooed human skin in his flat as a war souvenir was sentenced to death by an East Berlin court yesterday.

He pleaded not guilty and said he acted from fear of his superior officers. Former inmates of Dachau and other Nazi horror camps confronted Theiner at the trial.

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TEL AVIV: Monday, Feb. 7 — Series "B" (Series "A," the last of the same concert, will take place in Tel Aviv next Sunday, Feb. 13)
Special Subscription Concert—Haifa—No. 4
Conductor: EFREM KURTZ
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HAIFA: Wednesday, Feb. 9 — 9.00 p.m., at "Armon" Theatre
Programme: Beethoven: Symphony No. 1; Telemann: Suite for Flute and Strings; Rimsky-Korsakoff: Capriccio Espagnole.
A limited number of tickets is available at Ginsburg's Office, 23 Herzl St., Haifa.
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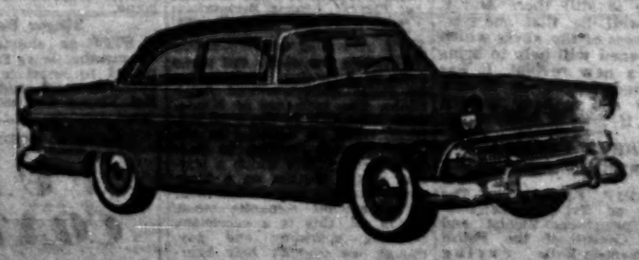
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Drop in Conservative Prestige Following Strike Settlement

By KENNETH HARRIS

LONDON, (OPNS). — AFTER a period of about three months in which their achievements, morale and popularity was increasing steadily, the Conservatives have suddenly found themselves in troubled waters. Two weeks ago an impartial observer might well have concluded that despite the fact that opinion polls still gave the Labour Party a point or so lead in popularity, the Conservatives would have a much better chance of winning a snap election. Today, I think, he would be in great doubt, and might reasonably, indeed, back the Labour Party.

This apparent change is almost entirely due to the aftermath of the threatened but averted railway strike. A great many Conservatives, probably the majority, believe that the Cabinet "caved in" when, after the Minister of Transport had refused to consider subsidizing Britain's nationalized (and financially hard-pressed) railways in order that the railway workers be given an increase in wages, the Cabinet accepted the report of a Court of Inquiry which virtually implied that such a subsidy should be paid. Most Conservative Members of Parliament, so far as can be gathered, believed that the Government and the country should have stood firm; that the railway workers should have been told: "We cannot afford to give you all you want; you must not try and put a pistol to our heads; if you insist, strike, and we shall carry on as best we can."

If that were all that there is to it, of course, it would be no more than a matter of the bulk of the Party being critical of the policy of its leaders, with a consequent deterioration, for the time being at any rate, of Party morale. But the bulk of the Party is convinced that public opinion in Britain as a whole would have preferred a strike to such a "cave in" policy, and that the Government's action has damaged its prestige.

Many Conservative M.P.s of different groups within the Party are embarrassed, too, by editorials appearing in the influential "Times" of London, which have said in effect that such a "cave in" was not justifiable in an election year. The implication there, say outspoken back-benchers, is that the Government did not do what it did out of an error of judgment—or out of honest if misguided decency — but that it sold the pass because it thought the Conservatives might otherwise lose working-class votes in the next general election, expected some time this year. They feel that the Conservative Government, thereby, has lost its reputation for wisdom, strength and unflinching sense of the interest of the nation as a whole, which it had been steadily building up and which would have been its main asset in the next electoral battle.

A third idea which rankles in the minds of the Conservatives is that by their action over the threatened railway strike, the Party leaders have for the first time deliberately, however reluctantly, parted company with that body of intelligent, informed and responsible "higher" opinion which is crystallized in the Civil Service, the higher academic professions, the more responsible business leaders, and the more thoughtful leaders of the Press — a body of opinion which, though less obtrusive and definable in Britain than in any other country, is more powerful, responsible, uniform and influential than anywhere else.

By-Election Pointer

There seems little doubt that this kind of opinion, while possibly not opposed to giving the railwaymen an increase, had by the time the threatened strike was called off come to the conclusion that for the Government to give way would be a grave mistake. Since this "neutral" and influential body of opinion was the only effective counter-weight that the Government could call to its aid in dealing with unions demanding increases, many M.P.s were given considerable stimulus — and some of them any endorsement — by the result of a by-election in the mid-eastern seaboard county of Norfolk. In the last election, the Conservatives beat the Labour candidate by more than 3,000 votes; this time they squeezed through by less than a thousand. A number of extraneous, incidental factors may have entered this election; the weather was bad; the election was occasioned by the sentencing for financial misdealings of the former Conservative M.P.; and so on. But two things seem clear; the Conservatives expected to win by a reasonable majority, by not less than a third of their last margin; and the result, rightly or wrongly, is being taken as a criticism of the Party's policy over the strike by a large number of Conservative M.P.s. It might be worth adding that most impartial political students and reporters I have talked to were surprised at how close Labour had got to capturing the seat.

Parliamentary Report

Gloomy Prophets Discourage Investors

By LEA BEN DOR

THE most somnolent of Betsarts to the interminable debate on the foreign investments bill were bound to notice that many of the speakers harked back to something which Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, had started off by calling atmosphere, and which became, euphemistically, "meteorology" as speaker followed speaker.

The atmosphere referred to was the social and economic climate of Israel, which has mysteriously failed to attract investors in large numbers. From the beginning, speakers in the debate told the House that while the amendments to the Investments Law were no doubt a good thing, they would not really bring investors until "the atmosphere" changed.

Nobody said plainly what was wrong, except that there was too much red tape in every way. This evil started in the Investment Centre, whose business it is to estimate what types of enterprises are needed and suited to the intending investor's capacity, and continued through the government departments having to issue permits and licences of every kind, from the purchase of raw materials to the export of currency. Applicants had to wait too long for answers, procedure was needlessly involved and often required industrialists to visit a number of offices for a single permit, and "third-grade officials" took arbitrary action.

Much of this was said in undertones that suggested other, nameless horrors that were difficult to disprove or even challenge.

It did not take long for other meteorologists to get up and say that atmosphere is not all made by one party or in one place. What about the whispering campaigns in the United States? Whose delegates had gone round warning would-be investors that "Ben Gurion will take half of every enterprise"? Who had told capitalists to stay away until there was a different kind of government?

The farming community, said a member, did its best for recruits to its ranks. The cooperative selling and buying organizations admitted them and they received instructors and encouragement. The existing manufacturers, on the other hand, feared competition and sometimes deliberately obstructed the establishment of new enterprises. Manufacturers sought additional funds to expand their business or even simply working capital, but they were not willing to take in partners. All this, he suggested, contributed to atmosphere no less than the much-talked-of bureaucracy of the government departments. The veiled insults throughout the debate were the more curious in view of the fact that the bill was the work of the General Zionist Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Salman Sussayeff, had the approval of Mapai and only token disapproval from Mapam, who talked lugubriously of "monopoly capitalism." Mr. Eshkol asked "where is this monopoly? Where is the capital?")

Practically no fault was found with the amendments themselves, and everybody was also agreed that investments have fallen off and should be encouraged. Mr. Eshkol summed it up by saying that the nature of the climate in this case seemed to depend largely on the meteorologists. What was more, if they all continued to prophesy bad weather the public would no doubt remember that one lacked a raincoat and another an umbrella, and end by staying home altogether. No amount of public encouragement would bring investors to Israel, he suggested, while the people of Israel were busy blackening each other's characters.

Sober Budget

LITTLE excitement was generated in the Knesset when the two volumes of the budget, like a rash of sky-blue, made their appearance on the members' benches. There is nothing revolutionary about this careful piece of housekeeping whose increase over last year does little more than allow for the rise in costs and population. The slower rate of expansion and the acute shortage of ready cash that put the starch back into the Israel pound have made for sober budgeting. The truth is that the General Zionists made their point long before the budget was brought before the Government by Mr. Eshkol, and kept anything more enterprising he might have had in mind out of the picture in the first place. The public and publicised protests came after their limited victory had already been gained. There is only the development budget left to be fought over in earnest, for this is where there is the only genuine difference of opinion. Mapai—and the moderate left — see this fund as the main remaining instrument of state-building, while the middle-class parties would like to limit public enterprise to road, power and water projects, on the score that state production is proverbially wasteful and inefficient.

Death Penalty

WHILE the Prime Minister was making his brief statement on the Cairo hangings last week Herut hurriedly composed a draft law to bring back the death penalty at least for espionage, after it was abolished by the Knesset several years ago. The customary explanatory note that follows the paragraphs claims that a law that cannot claim the ultimate penalty exposes Israel citizens and Jews in general to judicial murder without fear that the death sentence may overtake Arab spies caught in Israel. It has certainly never been seriously suggested before that it is the business of the law courts of Israel to take revenge for happenings abroad, however brutal these may be, or however much dictated by political motives.

It is a fact, however, that under the present law the Arab spy can operate in Israel without fear for his life, at least if he allows himself to be captured without resistance and is not killed while he is still no more than a fighting infiltrator.

Since the establishment of the State a total of 24 Arabs have been sentenced for espionage to terms of imprisonment ranging from three years upwards. At least one of them, an Egyptian, Abed Abdullah Issa, who was captured in possession of military maps he had prepared, would have been liable to a death sentence, for he received the present maximum punishment — life imprisonment. Nobody has ever yet discovered a yardstick with which to determine whether the death penalty acts as a genuine deterrent or not. Certainly the Arab states have over the past years executed a fair number of Arabs who were allegedly serving Israel, and seem to find no shortage of suspects for such trials.

Phone Booths

A MINOR piece of news revealed in the Knesset on Tuesday is that Israel possesses no more than 38 public telephones with automatic coin boxes, and another 66 non-automatic booths that can be used only while the Post Office in which they are situated is open. The information was given by Dr. Y. Burg, the Minister of Posts, in reply to a question by Mr. S. Zyssman.

Dr. Burg added that tokens would be introduced shortly to make it possible to raise the price for a call from the present 50 pruta to 60 pruta without changing the coin boxes. He also said that the Post Office workshops were producing a coin automat of their own that would in time save imports, but there was no promise that the number of public telephones would be substantially increased in the near future.

Non-Professional Politicians

KNESSET members are not born Knesset members and many continue to think in the categories of their original occupations. Last week a member glanced through the canteen window at the clear sky and brilliant winter sunlight. He turned mournfully from it. Jerusalem that was looking its best and said "If this terrible weather goes on I don't know what we shall all do." He has been a farmer all his life and has not forgotten it. Winter sunshine means drought and poor crops. It will be a bad day for the Knesset when all its members are professional politicians.

Friday's Press

Much to Learn from Japan

"DAVAR" (Histadrut) stresses the importance of our ties with the Asian countries, in strengthening which the exchange of Ministers with Japan has been an important step. The paper emphasizes the important and creative work in Japanese science, industry and agriculture.

Commenting on the reports that Israel diplomats have held talks with the intention to reach defence agreements with the Western powers, "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) strongly denounces what it calls agreements with the warmongers. In the last resort all the Western pacts in the Middle East are directed against Israel, and the Government should protest against them rather than try to integrate Israel into them. A military agreement with the West is deadly poison for Israel independence and a provocation of the "forces of peace."

Wants Open Proclamation

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) on the other hand complains that the Government does not openly proclaim its intention to forge closer ties with the Western powers, and above all with the United States. The reported attempts should be considered an important advance in Israel foreign policy but they should not be made secretly though it is true that some groups will oppose them. The news has in any case become common knowledge and the State Department may easily reject suggestions made in the course of secret negotiations but would find it extremely difficult to withstand the pressure of public opinion in the U.S., which will undoubtedly support the Israel proposals of defence guarantees and the logical demand for Israel's integration into the West's regional defence projects.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) thinks that the Jordan announcement about the arrest of the Azar murderers (and their examination by U.N. observers) is a propaganda manoeuvre scheduled to demonstrate that the Jordan authorities fight infiltration, but are impeded in this task by the misery of the refugees. The paper thinks that this case should be a lesson to the U.N. observers. When Israel accused the Jordan Government at the time, it was not in order to score in the overall account but to demand that real measures be taken to prevent future attacks.

Several papers comment on domestic topics. "Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) deal with the resolution of the General Zionists to reconsider their budget stand, while Mr. D. Ben-Gurion polemises in "Davar" against the spokesmen of the smaller parties, who oppose any electoral reform under the pretence of safeguarding the best interests of the State.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) calls on Mapam and Ahdut Avoda to establish a common front against Mapai in the Histadrut, while Dr. Bader, in "Herut" criticizes Israel foreign policy in the light of recent events in the Arab countries and especially in Egypt.

Readers' Letters

DEATH ON THE ROADS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I list, from my own experience as a driver, the following pedestrian types who succeed in making life miserable for the driver and deathly dangerous for themselves?

1) The hitch-hiker who stands in the middle of the road waving frantically and refuses to budge until the last minute. Very often I have to reserve to the left to miss hitting this character and then find myself having to avoid a car approaching from the opposite direction.

2) Parents who wheel baby carriages on the highway and especially on city streets when there is a nice, safe sidewalk nearby.

3) People who stand on the highway at bus stops.

I believe that if the police would be as strict with pedestrians as it is with the drivers, they would be going a long way towards making our highways safe.

Yours, etc.,
BEN GALE

Haifa, January 13

ROAD ACCIDENTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — How much longer is the public going to stand for the appalling accidents which occur on our roads every day. In a collision between a military tender and bus, my daughter, an 18-year old soldier was hurt while travelling to her base. She sustained internal hemorrhage and leg injuries. The girl sitting next to her suffered severe facial injuries and her nose was broken.

Due to the irresponsibility and carelessness of the drivers in this country, we have the highest rate of road accidents in the world. And? One hardly ever sees a policeman on the roads and irresponsible elements are thus at liberty to drive like fiends and to wreak havoc.

The punishment meted out for careless driving is insufficient. It is usually a fine, or, when a death occurs, a few months in prison. Every driver should know that if he maims or kills, he will be liable to a long term of imprisonment and his licence will be revoked forever.

Yours, etc.,
E. S.

Haifa, January 16

HICCUP DRUG

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The U.P. report about "Drugs for Hiccups" in today's issue is misleading. May I be allowed to correct the mistakes?

1) Chlorpromazine was not discovered by two Brooklyn doctors, but by two French scientists, Courvoisier and Fournel. This was some years ago, and it was in clinical use in France by 1952.

2) The original name of this preparation is Largactil, in England and the U.S. its brand name is Chlorpromazine.

3) Largactil (or Chlorpromazine) was used for many conditions, among them hiccups, all over the world and in our country too, long before it was discovered by the two Brooklyn physicians.

Yours etc.,
DR. ERNST ISRAEL

Tel Aviv, January 24

POINTS FROM LETTERS

INTOXICATED DRIVERS. — Whilst it is true that Israel has the highest accident rate in the world, I am sure that nowhere else could a drunken driver get away with a fine of a month's pay and a temporary suspension of his licence, even if he had not injured anyone. I refer to the recent verdict of a Tel Aviv Magistrate concerning a lorry driver who collided with a car and injured its driver while under the influence of drink. The offender was fined IL.350.— and had his licence revoked for two months. This verdict can hardly aid the "road safety campaign" just inaugurated by the President.

E. EHRDNER

DIPLOMATS. — Members of the Diplomatic Corps, honoured guests in our country, sometimes ignore our laws. Under cover of their immunity, they contravene parking rules and driving or speed regulations, wilfully or not. Others, until recently ordinary citizens of Israel, have been appointed honorary representatives of a state friendly to Israel and now provocatively misuse the flag of the country they represent by disregarding parking and driving regulations.

PEDESTRIAN

MUSICAL DIARY

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Efrem Kurz, conductor. Elaine Shaffer, flute (Mozart). Tel Aviv, February 3) Corelli: Suite for Strings; Mozart: Concerto in G major for Flute and Orchestra, K. 313; Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10.

THE Corelli suite is an arrangement of three movements from three different sonatas, effected by the 19th century violinist and conductor Ettorio Pinelli. Mr. Kurtz conducted the graceful Gavotta, in which the strings had the refined sound of a harpsichord, with great showmanship and the elegant movement of a dancer.

Elaine Shaffer's performance of the Mozart concerto was impeccable, though perhaps rather impersonal.

The Moderato with which the Shostakovich Tenth opens is the Shostakovich we know from his beginnings, and, hearing it, we were wondering whether the symphony was not really an artificial form for the spirit of the 20th century. But, with quick-change skill, the Allegro strikes a very different note, and from then on we are involved in a rhythm of rapid rotation. This is typical Russian music: full-blooded vitality, brought out with brilliant orchestration and the utmost structural concentration.

Mr. Kurtz's interpretation was broadly creative, and the performance was a stormy victory for the composer, the conductor, and the orchestra.

Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Heinz Freudenthal, conductor. Maria Vichnia, violin (February 1) Mozart, Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro"; Franz Reiterstein: Serenade for Orchestra; Brahms: Violin Concerto.

WE remember a Reitzenstein sonata for violin and piano from a Jerusalem performance by Peter Bornstein and Arieh Sachs. The influence of Hindemith, especially in the wind settings, could be detected in the Tuesday work written in classical form, within which a stirring motor rhythm on a Stravinsky-Kreneck line coexists with an oft-evident romantic mood. All in all, this is a capricious creation, sparkling and gay, though we couldn't help hearing in it a nostalgic echo of the late Twenties. The rendition also left a pleasant impression.

The quality of her tone and her bowing make 19-year-old Maria Vichnia an outstanding talent. The charm of youth emanated from her flourishing gentleness, and she made the cadenza particularly her own. There were moments that were rather reminiscent of the debut of the late Ginette Neveu, and the spell did not vanish till after the end of the all'ungarese finale. The orchestra played with suitable restraint, inspired by the soloist in its complicated task in the Brahms concerto. Mr. Freudenthal did an excellent job throughout. *FRANGO*

The Haifa Orchestra. Georg Singer, conductor. Max Rostal, violin. (Peer Hall February 2.). Handel: Concerto Grosso in B minor; Tartini: Violin Concerto in G minor; Mendelssohn: Notturno; Bach: Violin Concerto in E major.

AN important reason for the popularity of the Haifa Orchestra concerts is the fact that they are never lengthy and tiring, and that at every concert some special surprise awaits the listener.

This time, the Orchestra presented the distinguished guest violinist from London, Max Rostal, on a concert tour to New Zealand and Australia. The whirlwind Allegros of his Tartini Concerto swept the listener along with their technical mastery, though the second movement, *Grave*, suffered from the lack of warm-hearted sonority.

More dynamic and less academic was the Bach, which Rostal played with beautiful tone and deep feeling. He also doubled as first violinist, taking part in every orchestral Tutti.

The orchestra gave a clearly articulated performance under Mr. Singer's unmistakable individuality and never-failing instinct. Frank Peleg was at the piano.

Singer Back

AFTER an absence of seven months, Georg Singer has returned to Israel to resume his duties as chief conductor of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. His European tour took him with great success to Zurich, Vienna and Naples.

After a series of subscription concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Mr. Singer will return to his weekly radio concerts on Kol Yisrael, with young Israel virtuosi and many first performances of new Israel music.

Abroad

Works by Israel composers were featured at a concert of symphonic music in Brussels on January 23, at which Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, was present. The soloist was the celebrated Belgian violinist, Arthur Grumiaux.

The concert was held under the auspices of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University, and it was fitting that one of the composers, Joseph Tal, should be the object of musical appreciation at the Hebrew University. The others are Marc Lavry and Arthur Golbraz, and the latter conducted the Belgian National Radio Orchestra. Tal and Golbraz were represented by compositions which were heard for the first time on this occasion.

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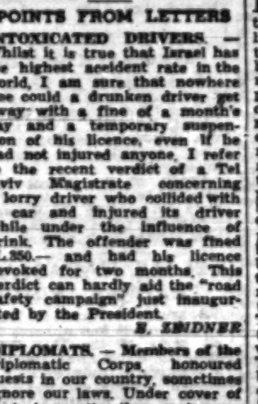

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